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**DECISION No. 942
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE OSCE SPECIAL EXPERT MEETING ON ASSESSING THE
OSCE'S FUTURE CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL
ENERGY SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

Vilnius, 13 and 14 September 2010

The Permanent Council,

In accordance with Ministerial Council Decision No. 6/09,

Decides to hold on 13 and 14 September 2010 in Vilnius the OSCE Special Expert Meeting on Assessing the OSCE's Future Contribution to International Energy Security Co-operation;

Approves the agenda and the organizational modalities of the Meeting, as contained in the annex;

Tasks the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities with submitting to participating States by the end of July 2010 a background paper designed to enable participants to best address the possible complementary role of the OSCE in respect of each of the topics of the Agenda of the Meeting;

Recalls that the OSCE Secretary General was tasked with submitting in 2010 a report, for consideration by the Permanent Council, based on the outcomes of and recommendations formulated at the Special Expert Meeting as well as on his consultations with participating States and relevant international and regional organizations and agencies, concerning the complementary role of the OSCE in the field of energy security.

OSCE SPECIAL EXPERT MEETING ON ASSESSING THE OSCE'S FUTURE CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL ENERGY SECURITY CO-OPERATION

I. Agenda

Monday, 13 September 2010

- 9.30–10 a.m. Opening session
- 10–11.30 a.m. Session 1: Existing energy arrangements and mechanisms, and other initiatives in energy security
- This session will address, *inter alia*:
- Principles for strengthening energy security;
 - Capacity of arrangements, mechanisms and other initiatives to tackle threats to energy security in the OSCE area;
 - Potential gaps to be closed in the energy security field;
 - What role for the OSCE?
- 11.30 a.m.–12 noon Coffee break
- 12 noon–1 p.m. Session 1: Existing energy arrangements and mechanisms, and other initiatives in energy security (continued)
- 1–2.30 p.m. Lunch
- 2.30–4 p.m. Session 2: Regional co-operation on ensuring energy security
- This session will address, *inter alia*:
- Examples of existing regional and subregional co-operation in the OSCE area, also including the public and private sectors;
 - Activities of specialized international actors;
 - What role for the OSCE?
- 4–4.30 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.30–6 p.m. Session 3: Ensuring the necessary conditions for the development of the energy sector

This session will address, *inter alia*:

- Improving the investment climate in the energy sector;
- Promoting transparency in the energy markets, and good public and corporate governance;
- What role for the OSCE?

Tuesday, 14 September 2010

9.30–11 a.m. Session 4: Reliability of critical energy infrastructures

This session will address, *inter alia*:

- Protection against potential threats and risks to critical energy infrastructures, including its physical and non-physical aspects;
- Enhancing energy security through diversification and modernization of energy infrastructures;
- What role for the OSCE?

11–11.30 a.m. Coffee break

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Session 5: Additional measures to enhance energy security

This session will address, *inter alia*:

- Risk reduction and addressing sustainable development through enhancement of energy efficiency, energy-saving, diversification of energy mix (including the promotion of alternative energy resources, such as renewable energies, and of non-traditional hydrocarbon resources);
- What role for the OSCE?

1–2.30 p.m. Lunch

2.30–5 p.m. Closing session: The OSCE's future contribution to international energy security co-operation

II. Organizational Modalities

Participating States are encouraged to be represented at a senior expert level, by officials responsible for energy-related policies.

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation are invited to attend the Meeting.

The format of the Meeting should provide for the active involvement of relevant international and regional organizations such as the UNIDO, the UNECE, the Energy

Community, the Energy Charter Treaty, the International Energy Agency, the International Energy Forum, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF), the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Co-operation (IPEEC), OPEC and other international organizations and agencies; representatives of the business and academic community and other relevant stakeholders will also participate in the Meeting.

The Meeting should stimulate a free-flowing discussion out of which recommendations should emerge.

The rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Meeting.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the sessions of the conference in all working languages of the OSCE.

The opening and closing sessions of the Meeting will be open to the media.